

Our Veterans have sacrificed so much in their service to this country. I am privileged to hold a seat on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Florida's 13th Congressional District is the home to approximately 90,000 men and women veterans. Serving on this committee allows me to be your "voice in Washington."

I was honored to receive the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW) legislative achievement award by the Florida VFW. But Congress must continue to do more to ensure our nation's veterans get the health care and benefits they have so rightly earned. This means:

- Improved access to benefits for veteran small business owners, as well as Reservists, National Guard, and surviving spouses.
- Ensuring a smooth start of the new education and training programs and providing employers incentives for hiring veterans.
- Enhancing VA medical facilities within the 13th District and improving veterans' access to the full array of VA services.
- Creating a POW/MIA select committee.
- Extending the federal crime classification for desecrating the graves of service members.

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